

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
14th March 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Mrs Sturgess (chair), Mrs Cowle, Mr Acton and Mrs Hardy

In Attendance: Cllr Lydon, PCSO Griffiths, Cllr Dewey (Uley Parish)

Apologies: Cllr Pittaway

16/21 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Cowle declared an interest in the grant request from St Joseph's School.

16/22 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th February 2016

Previously circulated, the minutes meeting of the Parish Council were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chair.

16/23 Police Update

PCSO Joshua Griffiths reported that 6 crimes had been recorded in the parish over the last 6 months: 2 domestic, 1 car theft (National Trust Car Park at Woodchester), theft of tiles from the bus shelter, theft of a holly tree and an incident regarding a dog left in a car. A recent incident of a sheep being killed by a dog in Woodchester Park was not included in the statistics. After consulting with local communities, the police priorities will remain the same for the next six months.

The police have been continuing their prevention work, increasing presence and involving the school. Parking issues at school drop off and pick up times were raised; PCSO Griffiths asking the council to advise him when construction is due to start at the Rose & Crown so that they can help to monitor the impact of the increased traffic.

16/24 Progress Reports for Information

Report from Cllr Lydon: circulated by email prior to the meeting. Cllr Lydon advised that the Highways budget has been boosted by an extra £2 million. Cllr Lydon to speak to Stroud District Council (SDC) planners about the conditions to be put in place for traffic movements once the Rose & Crown development starts. Cllr Lydon to follow up on highways issues by requesting a copy of the site visit for Tinkley Lane and issues with signs near the Frocester Hill junction.

Repair of Sara Wooldridge memorial plaque: Ongoing

16/25 Village Maintenance

Bus Shelter: The work has been completed and the Cotswold stone tiles removed stored on the school premises should they be needed for repairs to the front of the roof in future. Thanks to Cllr Cowle and the head at St Joseph's for arranging the storage of the tiles.

The arch on the front left (when inside the shelter) needs repair; clerk to ask Mr. Gazzard if he could do this when next working in the village.

Clerk

Automated External Defibrillator (AED unit): Mr. Sanders of Red Rose Investments stated that the development is planned to start in May at which point the funds will be released. The site has still to be confirmed.

Missing place sign at Cockadilly: Reported but no timescale for replacement.

Winter Operations: Appointment of the snow plough operator still needs to be resolved; Andrew Middlecote to follow this up with Amey.

Village Spring Clean: See Highways re grips, drains, signs, etc. Projects: clearing of culvert opposite Bell Court, replacement of plastic in village notice board (Cllr Cowle to supply materials) and cutting

of verges near St Bartholomew's. Councillors to encourage residents to participate in spring clean. Cllr Cowle advised that the school PTA have organized an Easter Egg hunt around the village at the same time as the spring clean. Clerk to contact school to request that the school premises be used for parking and to make the PTA aware that residents will be out using power tools, as the children's safety is paramount.

All

Clerk

Public Rights of Way (access to the Glebe): Cllr Sturgess to has left a message with the agent but has not had a response. Clerk to ask Neighbourhood Warden if he can help.

16/26 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting

These meetings need to be arranged around the election on the 5th May. It was agreed to hold the annual parish meeting on 11th April. The AGM needs to be held after the election; clerk to check if this can be held on the planned date of the 9th May or if it will need to be moved to the 16th May to meet the timetable for appointment of new Councillors.

Clerk

16/27 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

The spring clean is already in planned and fits in with the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. No further action to be taken.

16/28 Listing Community Assets

No update.

16/29 Correspondence

None for discussion

16/30 Highways

Update on outstanding issues: Mr. Middlecote contacted the clerk with an update. Amey have carried out a visit to Tinkley Lane at a cost of £1,000, funded by Cllr Lydon's Highways grant. The estimate for a footpath to the playing field was £50k and an update to the traffic calming was estimated at £10k. Councillors requested a copy of the site visit report and agreed that they did not think a full site survey would be a good use of limited funds at this time. Councillors to consider other options for providing safe access to the playing fields.

The grips have been cleared, though this was questioned by Councillors. Drains are scheduled to be cleaned in July; this was not acceptable to Councillors as the drains at Townsend are blocked creating a serious risk of flooding. Clerk to request that this work be prioritized.

Clerk

Marker posts for the culvert on Front Street and '20 is plenty' signs have not yet been delivered. Clerk to chase.

Clerk

16/31 Planning

No applications for consideration. It was noted that permission has been granted for the new sheep shed at Sheepscote and denied for the conversion of the Rose and Crown outbuildings into letting accommodation.

16/32 Finance

Appointment of Internal Auditor: Cllr Acton proposed Mrs. Douglas Phillips be appointed, Cllr Hardy seconded this; all agreed. Thanks to Mrs. Douglas Phillips for agreeing to do the audit.

Quote for Grass Cutting for the Playing Field: Cllr Acton proposed the quote be accepted and the number of cuts paid for by the council be limited to the total set last year, Cllr Cowle seconded this; all agreed. Clerk to check that the playing field committee are happy with the service provided before confirming with the contractors.

Clerk

Grant Requests: Cllr Acton proposed that a grant of £750 be made to St Joseph's RC primary school towards the provision of new toilet blocks and that no grant be made to Gloucestershire Chest Fund, seconded by Cllr Hardy and approved by all. Cllr Cowle answered questions but did not take part in the discussion or vote on the grant to St Joseph's School.

Compliance with the Transparency Code for small councils: postponed to the next meeting.

The following expenditure was agreed and the appropriate cheques drawn:

14/03/16	Nympsfield Village Hall	Cleaning	£87.00
14/03/16	Leopard Press	Inv # 644443	£79.00
14/03/16	GAPTC	Subscription	£96.06
14/03/16	Ann Robertson	Stamps and envelopes	£7.27
14/03/16	Ann Robertson	Clerk salary February	£144.00
14/03/16	St Joseph's School	Grant	£750.00

Note that Councillors agreed to renew the subscription to GAPTC.

16/33 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Mr. Wilcox will be 100 in July add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to agree how to mark this.

Councillors to review the Uley and Owlpen community design statement.

Cllr Hardy asked if the Parish Council website might be used to maintain a diary of events to avoid clashes. This was thought to be impractical as the site is maintained on a voluntary basis. Suggested that relevant groups work on improving communication between themselves.

Election nomination packs were handed out to Councillors who wanted one.

Chair's Signature.....Date.....

Date of next Meeting: *The next meeting of the council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 11th April 2016*